

projecting portions to move towards one another, the projecting portions acting as a spring.

18. The filter unit of claim 7, wherein the fastening portion of the fastening strip is made from flexible compressible material.

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance and should be passed to issue. If there are any questions regarding this Amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated to expedite the prosecution of the application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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